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Dear Les,

The enclosed carbon of my letter to Whitten is, of course, confidential.

My recent calls that did not reach you were for several reason. One is to learn if you are seeing the ExPost when you are not working in Garden City. I enclose today's stories on Africa on the chance you do not see them.

Another has to do with the deliberate thievery from us both by the Lane/Mann cabal and all the evil it holds. You did not get back to me on what your paper's interest in this is. As a result I have not taken the time to duplicate or have duplicated what I have obtained. In time, when you come back. if they have any interest it is all available to them. Of course, to you.

Between the Pittsburgh tape of which I told you and the Washington one, WWDC, and Lane's Newswork writing, their comments, even without NBC's stealing there is a solid case if one wants to use a solid case.

I've lived years of being ripped off. The fact, in and of itself, no longer means anything to me because as a practical matter there is nothing I can do. The law means nothing.

You know my feelings about abdications. This is what troubles me most right now.

I'm sorry you could not get back to me about Fauntroy. You must be even busier than usual with all the recent developments coinciding with your departure and your preparations.

When you were not home yesterday and did not later return my call I fugured you were at the session reported in today's Pist (which I believe omits the where) and could not. So, before going to bed last night I drafted a letter to Fauntroy, in the usual and unfortunately necessary haste. Lil has not retyped it because I am expecting a visitor this evening or night. This is more delicate than I can now tell you so I must ask that you keep it confidential. I do think you should know, though.

It is Fensterwald. The weather, which is not good, may preclude it. He had planned to weekend at one of his properties, a resort area abiut two hours west of here.

I have been leaning on him, sometimes pretty hard and always by mail, not to become what Downing has from the first intended, the new committee's counsel. A letter I wrote him earlier this week apparent did the impossible, persuaded him. He phoned me in what even for him is an elliptical manner. He thanked me, told me he had heeded me and had already taken the necessary steps, and then he added what I have some difficulty taking at face value, that the investigation is off and that "they are playing hardball now."

If he comes despite the weather and if he says anything I think you should know with your immediate interests and their requirements, I'll include it.

He did say there is much he believes I should know and that his purpose in stopping of here on his way home would be to inform me. This, too, is exceptional.

We'll see.

Until then I remain worried about the job done on the Black Caucus and its potential in so many ways.

Kyles either lied to you or Lane did. Lane attributes to him by name and others by inference what you'll find in Herron's notes that I have you, if incompletely and with the typical Lane distortion and misrepresentation. He has all these people on tape, he says. With the use of NBC I consider it possible. Including Redditt, to whom he attributes what I do not believe Redditt says. Jim did that taping, on a station I cannot get

I have an incomplete dub. Have a succesful trip and a safe return. Best to all,